

Senate Resolution 1022

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Unterman of the 45th, Goggans of the 7th, Hawkins of the 49th, Smith of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Partnership for Health and Accountability; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) was established in
3 January, 2000, in an effort to bring together hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists,
4 pharmaceutical manufacturers, the business community, policy leaders, and consumers to
5 share data, resources, and expertise to ensure quality care and patient safety; and

6 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability is recognized nationally for its
7 leadership in improving quality of care and patient safety and has been the model for other
8 states; and

9 WHEREAS, the Partnership provides a forum of discussion and advocacy for data-driven
10 public policy that promotes the use of clinical evidence based best practices and coordination
11 of care; and

12 WHEREAS, the four major components used by PHA to support its goals are community
13 involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework; and

14 WHEREAS, as one preventable patient error is one too many, consumers, providers, and the
15 community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health care;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in honoring its ongoing commitment to equip consumers with valuable quality
18 and pricing information on Georgia hospitals, PHA continues to improve its landmark
19 Georgia Hospital Quality Check and Georgia Hospital Price Check websites by creating an
20 infection prevention section in the Quality Check website; and

1 WHEREAS, the websites are the first of their kind in Georgia and aim to be the leading
2 source of hospital consumer information in the state, empowering patients and their families
3 to take a more active role in their health care decisions; and

4 WHEREAS, Cartersville Medical Center of Cartersville, Emory Eastside Medical Center of
5 Snellville, Emory Johns Creek Hospital of Duluth, Emory University Hospital of Atlanta,
6 Habersham County Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Orthopedic Hospital of
7 Columbus, Meadows Regional Medical Center of Vidalia, The Medical Center of Columbus,
8 Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth, North Fulton Regional Hospital of Roswell, Peach
9 Regional Medical Center of Fort Valley, Perry Hospital of Perry, Polk Medical Center of
10 Cedartown, Redmond Regional Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute
11 for Rehabilitation of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital
12 of Columbus, St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals of Savannah, and WellStar Cobb Hospital
13 of Austell have received awards for their outstanding leadership and innovation in quality
14 care and patient safety.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and Cartersville Medical Center of
17 Cartersville, Emory Eastside Medical Center of Snellville, Emory Johns Creek Hospital of
18 Duluth, Emory University Hospital of Atlanta, Habersham County Medical Center of
19 Demorest, Hughston Orthopedic Hospital of Columbus, Meadows Regional Medical Center
20 of Vidalia, The Medical Center of Columbus, Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth, North
21 Fulton Regional Hospital of Roswell, Peach Regional Medical Center of Fort Valley, Perry
22 Hospital of Perry, Polk Medical Center of Cedartown, Redmond Regional Medical Center
23 of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation of Warm Springs, Saint
24 Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, St. Joseph's and Candler
25 Hospitals of Savannah, and WellStar Cobb Hospital of Austell for the exceptional advances
26 they have made in quality of care and patient safety.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the above-mentioned organizations.